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THE news which we publish on our first page to-day, and which was issued as the New Year's Address of the Evening Journal, is by an accomplished lady of Evansville, Indiana, whose name perhaps we are not at liberty to name. It is well worthy of the great admiration that has been given it. It is charmingly appropriate and very beautiful.

Many of our readers will remember, that, a few years ago, Miss Sue E. Weed, a young school-girl at the Casenovia Female College in New York, sent us many beautiful pieces of poetry which were exceedingly admired. She has since married one of the worthiest of men and is living in St. Louis. The New Year's Address that we publish to-day is hers. All persons of taste will agree with us that it is one of the finest poems ever published upon such an occasion.

WE find the article below in the Nashville Press:

THE LOUISVILLE JOURNAL OF THE AMNESTY. The Journal of last Saturday contains the following short but leading editorial:

"The article we reprint from the New York Journal of Commerce is a hand full of great significance. We are all agreed, when they consider this grave point to reflect, that, never and above all this, Mr. Lincoln's plan of government requires the revolting State to despoil the other members of the Constitution and their peers in the Union by overruling their existing constitutions and adopting new ones under the dictation of the Federal Executive. This last point involves the central and fundamental objection to the plan."

In opposition to the foregoing, we place the following extract from the President's late proclamation of Amnesty:

"It is as yet not impossible that, in constructing a loyal State government in any State, the names of the State, the Union, the soldiers, the confederacy, and the general code of laws, after the rebellion, be maintained, subject only to the modifications as necessary by the confederacy here. There are states here, if any, that are not contending said conditions and which may be deemed expedient by those framing the new State governments."

In this extract, the Journal, and the Journal's editor, widely in their respective estimates of the effect of complying with the conditions of the proclaimed Amnesty. One of them, however, while we are not in a position to judge between them, we ask our respected contemporary at Louisville to point out specifically what change must be made in the present State of Tennessee, if any, to meet the acceptance of the terms proposed by the President.

The press is very strangely mistaken in supposing that the extract it quotes from Mr. Lincoln's proclamation rebuts the view expressed in the quotation from the Journal.

The extract is the truth. The extract, instead of rebutting our view, confirms it; nay, the extract is in itself quite sufficient to establish the view.

Mr. Lincoln in this very extract repeats his requirement that the States as if proceeding *ad initio* shall adopt constitutions in harmony with his proclamation of emancipation, graciously suggesting, that so far as may be consistent with this requirement, the States might not improperly preserve their existing names, boundaries, subdivisions, constitutions, and general codes of laws, implying thereby what is comprehended necessarily in his positive requirement, that he has the right to dictate to the States in all of these particulars and in all other particulars. Mr. Lincoln herein, as well as in the foregoing part of the proclamation, declares that the States whose people are in revolt must change their present constitutions according to his will and without regard to the constitutions themselves, as the condition of being permitted to return to their constitutional relations in the Union. In short, he "requires the revolting States to degrade themselves before the Constitution and their peers in the Union by overruling their existing constitutions and adopting new ones under the dictation of the Federal Executive."

The view expressed in our contemporary's quotation from the Journal not only is just, but, as we have said, is established by the very extract cited to rebut it.

We do not doubt that the Press itself will perceive this on a closer scrutiny of the extract.

The whole subject may be presented in a somewhat fuller light by stating "specifically what change must be made in the present State Constitution of Tennessee as the result of the terms proposed by the President," which the Press asks us to point out, and which very willingly proceed to do.

The twenty-first section of the Declaration of Right of the Constitution of Tennessee declares:

That no man's particular services shall be demanded, or property taken, or applied to public use, without the consent of his representatives, or without just compensation being made therefor.

The twenty-eighth section of the second article of the Constitution of Tennessee recognizes slaves as property in these terms:

All lands liable to taxation, held by deed, grant or lease, town lots, bank stocks, slaves, or such other property as the Legislature may from time to time deem expedient, shall be taxable.

The like recognition is made in other parts of the Constitution.

The twelfth section of the eleventh article of the Constitution of Tennessee incorporates the Declaration of Rights into the Constitution as follows:

The declaration of rights hereto prefixed is declared to be a part of the Constitution of this State, and shall never be violated on any pretence whatever. And to guard against transgressions of the highminded principles, we declare that every thing in the bill of rights is excepted out of the general powers of government, and shall forever remain inviolate.

The plain and necessary result of these several provisions is that the General Assembly of Tennessee has no constitutional power to emancipate the slaves of the State without the consent of the owners or without just compensation being made thereto. We apprehend this inference is beyond dispute.

But the Constitution of Tennessee does not leave the question to inference however plain and manifest it is in the thirty-first section of the second article of the Constitution as follows:

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The Nashville correspondent of the Indianapolis Journal, writing under date of 26th ult., says:

Gen. Grant isjourning here for a short time. He lives in the most quiet, unpretending manner, occasionally visiting public places dressed in the most common style; to beholders you would think him but an ordinary and uninteresting man.

A hint of the influence of rebels makes over certain post commanders appear in a more forcible and emphatic manner. It is lamentable that rebel postmasters enjoy a monopoly of the favors within the gift of certain commanders of posts, to the detriment of the service.

The chance of victory is with these men, but the wants of the poor soldiers in their command. What encouragement is there to serve in the ranks of the rebels, when the wife and daughters of his enemies, while himself and wife, or mother, or sister are refrained from the privilege of seeing each other, when the service can easily spare him?

I hear much complaint from soldiers that many wives and other relatives of those in the service have been refused passes at Louisville. This is wrong. There is no military or other necessity for it. The military authorities have, in some departments, dealt very ungenerally and unkindly with the wives and families of their command. The men are given passes where enlistments were made that the men would receive a furlough of at least twenty or thirty days each year. In many regiments the men have not been allowed passes during the last eighteen months, although many others have done so, in some cases, to witness the last moments of dying relatives and were received as well as the men. Such men are not entitled to passes, the service requires the same, but I have seen cases in time in many regiments that furloughs could not have been granted continuously from the beginning of their term of service. It is a matter of mind and heart, and not of body, that has dictated this policy. And now, after failing to fulfill their promises to the men, they attempt to prevent those at home who desire to come from visiting them. I hope this tyranny will soon be abolished.

A DOUBLE MURDER IN INDIANA. The St. Joseph Valley Register gives the following account of a terrible murder in that county:

Jacob Schriner and Adam Snowberger, both married men, lived near neighbors, and it is said that Schriner has been living in criminal intimacy with Snowberger's wife. Agnes, Adam's wife, and their two sons, have disappeared, and, on inquiries being made as to his whereabouts, Schriner replied that he supposed he had gone to the army or to Ohio to visit his father. On Tuesday of last week he was found in Elizabethtown, where he had been a volunteer or drafted. His company offers him a position which should not fail to be appreciated by our countrymen. The men of the regiment are the patriots of our country and honor all invite to a last farewell. The men of the regiment are the patriots of our country and honor all invite to a last

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